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- 25X1. The Technical Bureau of the Soviet Ministry for the Chemical Industry, located in Berlin-Weissensee at Goethestrasse 13, is headed by Lt Col Vesta, who is reported to be the director of the Ministry's factory administration office in Moscow. The Bureau collects and integrates all information on automatic disturbances, adjustments, and testing procedures insofar as these concern the chemical industry.
2. The bureau also is trying to develop pneumatic regulators and some models have been made, partly from American originals. Reconstruction plans are being drawn for gasoline and hydrogen plants removed to the USSR. Manufacturing processes are being studied through the employment of middle men, who cooperate with German technicians now working in German industries.
3. Close liaison is maintained with such plants as the I.G. Farben works at Bitterfeld and the Leuna-Werke, and specialists from Siemens, Askania, and other concerns have been interrogated. Some men employed by the bureau were discharged, for economy reasons, in February; these included Director Guido Wunsch and Oberingenieur Pils, both of Askania.
4. The bureau currently employs two Soviet scientists, five German technicians, eight skilled workers and approximately sixty other persons. The technicians, all said to be former Nazi Party members, are: Dipl. Ings. Bach, Böcking, Grohn, Riedel, and Oberingenieur C. Schröder. The first four men are all former Askania employees. Schröder, also formerly with Askania and described as a "Spezialist für Regler", was at some time "an inspector with American troops in Mariendorf".
5. The bureau's monthly budget has been cut from 250,000 to 200,000 marks.

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